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DOI AM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM NO. 06-31

Subject: Experience Requirements for DOI Seaplane Pilots

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.1 Purpose. This OPM establishes experience requirements for DOI employees who act as pilot-in-command of seaplanes. It recognizes the experience that can be gained while enrolled in a quality course of instruction.

.2 Authority. This policy is established by the Associate Director, Department of Interior, Aviation Management (DOI AM), in accordance with Departmental Manual 350 DM 1 and Secretarial Order 3250 dated September 30, 2003.

.3 Policy. An incidental, dual-function, or GS-2181 pilot acting as pilot-in-command of a seaplane (single or multiengine) shall have 25 hours pilot-in-command in seaplanes before flying operational missions for the Department. Seaplane hours obtained while participating in a formal course of instruction approved by the DOI AM may be counted toward the 25 hours pilot-in command time. The following policy will be used:

- 351 DM 3.2A(10) GS-2181 Pilots: Seaplane Operations – 25 hours PIC of airplane single or multiengine seaplane experience, as appropriate. Seaplane hours obtained while participating in a formal course of instruction approved by the DOI AM may be counted toward the 25 hours pilot-in-command time.
- 351 DM 3.2B(4)(f) Incidental/Dual Function Pilots: Seaplane Operations – 25 hours PIC of airplane single or multiengine seaplane experience, as appropriate. Seaplane hours obtained while participating in a formal course of instruction approved by the DOI AM may be counted toward the 25 hours pilot-in-command time.

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